

## What does the ANT message - 'Files was unexpected at this time' mean?

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If you run an ANT installation and see the error message:

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Files was unexpected at this time.
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Or something similar you have probably installed ANT into a directory with a space in it. The default path when installing is "c:\program files\ant", but it's a lot more useful to install it into a more base directory, such as "c:\ant".

You cannot set your ANT\_HOME to a directory with spaces or special characters in it, unless you use a windows compatibly format, such as:

```
ANT_HOME=c:\progra~1\ant
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